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White River Junction VA Medical Center Announces Chief of Staff *Dr. Daniel O'Rourke joins the White River Junction VA Leadership Team*



WHITE RIVER JUNCTION – The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Medical Center in White River Junction, Vermont is pleased to announce Dr. Daniel O'Rourke as the new Chief of Staff. Dr. O'Rourke started his VA career at White River Junction in 1996 as a cardiologist and was named the Chief of Cardiology in 2004. Over the past year, he has played a major role as Acting Chief of Staff at the White River Junction VA while leadership recruited a permanent Director. He has extensive experience in clinical care, research and health care administration.

Upon graduating as valedictorian from Siena College, Dr. O'Rourke earned his MD with magna cum laude honors at SUNY Upstate Medical University in Syracuse, NY and completed internal medicine training at the University of Pittsburgh, where he was recognized with the outstanding teaching award. He completed his cardiology fellowship at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in 1996, followed by a master's degree in healthcare research from The Dartmouth Institute for Health Policy and Clinical Practice in 1997. He also earned a master's degree in education from Xavier University in 2017. He is board certified in internal medicine, cardiovascular disease and nuclear cardiology, and is an Associate Professor of Medicine at the Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth. In his spare time, Dan coaches the girls' varsity basketball team at Hanover High School (Hanover, NH).

“The White River Junction VA is excited to have Dr. O’Rourke join the leadership team as it is another big step towards long-term stability for our entire organization” said Dr. Brett Rusch, Executive Director of White River Junction VA Medical Center. “As a long-committed member of our community, I know that Dan cares deeply about our VA and about the Veterans we serve!”

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